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Letter To The Editor

Editor
Times-Virginian
Appomattox, Va.
Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Virginia Easter Seal Society I would like to thank the many school and youth organizations, the merchants and townspeople who supported our recent Easter Seal Drive. Thanks to these people Easter Seal Centers all over the state and Camp Easter Seal will continue to provide services for the handicapped. Specifically, two local handicapped persons from your area will be attending Camp this summer. So hats off to the Latin Club, Lucky-Clover 4-H, Mighty Four 4-H, Appomattox Senior 4-H, S.C.A., Art, Newspaper Staff, D.E.C.A., F.F.A., Elon Baptist Church, Pamplin Ruritan Club, the Dairy Queen, Maude's Pizza Hut, Poe Hardware, White's Auto and Elliott's Florist.

An especial thanks should go to Ms. Lisa Dickerson who cordinated the local drive. Lisa is a member of the Easter Seal V.A.N.E.S. program (Volunteer, Advocate, Nieghbors for Easter Seal). She energetically gave her time to see that two handicapped persons could attend Camp Easter Seal. I only wish we had more like her. Thanks, Lisa.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Leslie Wright
Director-Region IV

PAMPLIN

Mrs. Hugh Dickerson is recuperating at Johnson-Willis Hospital in Richmond after undergoing surgery last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Watson Southall, Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Saxe, Mrs. Lizzie Robinson and Mrs. Rixey Southall visited Natural Bridge and had lunch at The Natural Bridge Hotel last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Southern, Norfolk, visited relatives last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Coleman returned home last Thursday after attending The Eastern Star meeting in Richmond.

Mrs. John Smith returned home last Thursday after a visit with her sister, Mrs. C. H. McCall.

Mr. and Mrs. Minor, of Norfolk, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Coleman.

STONEWALL

"Ye have not, because ye ask not." James 4:2

All of us adults of Hebron Church wish to thank the B.W.C. for the lovely dinner they gave us Friday night. Also thanks to Mr. C. V. Wilbun for the inspiring talk he gave and all of us will try to live up to his teaching each day.

Mrs. John Ewers went to Richmond Sunday to have the eye transplant at 5 o'clock. All went well according to the doctor's report. Let's all pray she will be able to regain her sight. Mr. Ewers and Mrs. Wilson Garrett took her.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Carson, David and Lou, from Culpeper, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Carey Carson.

Mr. David Mitchell, of Bluefield College, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Spencer, of Va. Beach, Va., spent the week end with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. V. Mitchell. Mrs. Spencer and David gladdened our hearts with a duet during services.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and Mrs. Mary Smith Saturday.

So glad to have Mr. Glen Drinkard at church Sunday.

Mr. Hubert Scruggs was in the hospital last week is doing better now.

Mr. Lyle Thomas had to go to the hospital last week for treatment.

Mr. T. Sandidge is in Lynchburg General Hospital with a broken hip was operated on Saturday and had a pin put in.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jones and Ben Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bondurant were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thomas Sunday, also Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Torrence and son.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thomas Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trent, of Charlottesville, and girls spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

Mrs. Elsie Caldwell and Mrs. Nina Caldwell were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris, Will and Jack, at Pamplin.

MRS. DAVIS 4-H CLUB

Marie Doss called the meeting to order. Gary Gilliam led the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H pledge. We played Dog and the Bone.

We saw slides on the 4-H Dog Show and the Dairy Posters. Mr. Sweet and Mr. Goldman talked to us about the 4-H Fishing Contest and the Walk-A-Thon.

Janet McCormick, reporter

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SINS FOR THE GODLY

Lesson for May 22, 1977

Background Scripture: James 4:1 through 5:6
Devotional Reading: Psalms 124

Perhaps one of the reasons that the Epistle of James has often been unpopular with some people is that he casts much of his spotlight upon the sins of the godly instead of the ungodly. His letter is concerned with the kinds of behavior to be found within the churches, rather than those without. James might have been more popular if he had concentrated on the "heathen" and the "unbelievers."

Rev. Althouse

Knowing what is right

Sometime I think the popular understanding of the word sin might well be defined as "the wrong things other people do." Similarly, sometimes Christians assume that *evil* is what non-Christians do. Theologian Reinhold Niebuhr once remarked that much evil in the world is performed "by good people who do not know they are not good."

The Apostle James lifts up for us four different sins that we may tend to ignore in our own lives. The first of these is covetousness. For many of us, the command-ment, "Thou shalt not covet," is the hardest of the Ten Commandments to obey. "Hardest" because it is not nearly so dramatic as some of the other commandments, and therefore we are less likely to take it seriously. "Hardest" also because it is more subtle than most. James' observation has a contemporary ring: "What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you?... You desire and do not have: so you kill. And you covet and can not obtain; so you fight and wage war" (4:1,2).

Friendship with the world

A second sin for the Godly which James lists is what he labels "friendship with the world." In its earliest days, the Church was not "friends" with the world. It was regarded with suspicion, distrust, and outright hostility by the surrounding society. In much of the world today the Church is part of society. It is on the best of terms with its governments, institutions, and power blocks. Although James is not counseling us to be "unfriendly," still he reminds us "whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (4:4).

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (4:6), says James, indicating yet another sin that is more likely to be found among the godly than the ungodly. The problem with being "good" is that we soon become proud of our "goodness," and thus lose it. Pride is often a destructive force within the Church.

Finally, James warns the godly against the tendency to be arrogant, to act as if our lives were solely within our own hands. "Instead," says James, "you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and we shall do this or that'" (4:15). The problem with our arrogance as well as with our covetousness, friendship with the world and pride, is not ignorance, but willfulness. For, says James, "Whoever knows what is right to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin" (4:17) — and this applies to the godly as well as the ungodly!

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HURTSVILLE

A large crowd attended church services at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church. Rev. Miller used as his theme, "Looking Back Over Our Lives."

A large crowd attended services held at the Peaks Baptist Church, Prospect, Va. The speaker was Elder Fletcher Hubbard of WTTX Radio Station.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Epperson of Farmville visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berkley Sr. Also Mr. Willie Woolridge visited in the same home.

Misses Carolyn and Virginia Berkley attended the wedding of Miss Patricia Patrick to Mr. Larry Jackson which was held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke Baptist church, Brookneal Virginia. They were accompanied by Miss Mildred Clark of Fork Union, Va.

Elder Fletcher Hubbard will be at The Gravel Hill Baptist church on the 1st Sunday in June at 3:00 p.m. Sponsor: Miss Carolyn Berkley.

A three-way srmon will be held at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church the 1st Saturday nieht at 7:00 p.m. The speakers will be Rev. Harrison Kelson, Rev. J. D. Scruggs & Rev. Wyatt Venable. Sponsor: Rev. H. O. Flood.

Cutting the Gospel Cake will be held at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church the 5th Sunday in May at 6:00 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. R. Q. Lawing. Sponsor: Mrs. O. T. Woolridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald H. Mills will be holding their wedding reception on May 28, 1977 at 4:00 p.m. It will be at their home, 713 Cheatwood Avenue, Richmond, Va. Mrs. Mills is the former Phyllis Berkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berkley Sr. of Rt. 1, Pamplin, Va. Invitations are being sent out.

Airman Promoted

FT. LEE, VA. - Breck W. Elder, son of retired Air Force Senior Master Sergeant and Mrs. Lewis R. Elder of Rt. 1, Spout Spring, Va., has been promoted to senior airman in the U.S. Air Force.

Airman Elder, a weapons specialist, is assigned at Ft. Lee Air Force Station, Va., with a unit of the Aerospace Defense Command.

The airman is a 1974 graduate of Appomattox (Va.) County High School. His wife, Catherine, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Etchason, 1621 N.W. 13th Ave., Homestead, Fla.

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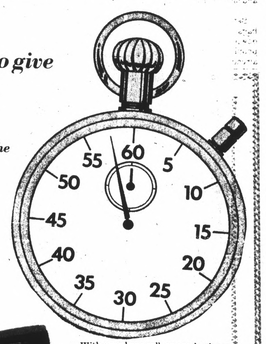

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"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

The world-wide population growth is so great that the world must produce as much more food in the next 25 years as it has since the dawn of time to meet man's needs.

Malnutrition already is widespread. It is estimated that 460 million, or one of every six people are seriously malnourished.

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There's an excellent article in the March issue of **Virginia Agricultural Economics** titled "The Hog Price See-Saw." If you don't receive the publication it's available by calling this office. The writer points out that keeping abreast of what is happening in the market system and being able to interpret the data is essential for a successful venture.

Here are a couple of pointers: Analysis of the numbers of market hogs in specified weight categories enables projections to be made in forthcoming marketings. On the average, young pigs can be assumed to gain 0.85 lbs. per day from birth to 60 pounds. From 60 to 120 lbs. they probably put on about 1.5 lbs. per day, and thereafter until market weight, between 1.6 and 1.9 lbs. daily. Based on this growth trajectory it takes 15 to 25 weeks before pigs in the birth to 60 lb. weight group are ready for market. Market hogs under 120 lbs. need at least 10 weeks and those under 180 lbs. at least 5 weeks before they are ready for market.

The type of analysis implied here provides a reasonable estimate of future rate of slaughter, which in turn, explains a major share of the resulting price movement. Research indicates that a 1% change in slaughter volume is accompanied by a roughly 2.5% change in market hog prices in the opposite direction. Obviously this is not the whole picture. Demand factors, like income and population growth, and changes in the volume of competing meat supplies also influence prices, as do seasonal and short-run factors.

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Better get ready to hang dust bags or backrubbers to hold down face fly and horn fly populations. Horn flies are already heavy in some herds. Dust bags are slightly more effective than backrubbers. Two important steps: forced use in essential for good fly control and suspend bags 18-22 inches from the ground depending on cattle size.

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Treat for alfalfa weevil if there is: (1) 50 percent tip infestation, (2) larvae ¼ to 3/8" long (nice fat ones), and (3) near 20% defoliation before treatment is applied.

If weather is hot and relatively dry at cutting time, treatment of stubble will not be necessary. Good hot sun and relatively dry weather after cutting will wipe them out.

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If you have a good stand of orchard grass on good soil, add 50 to 75 pounds of actual nitrogen following first hay cutting.

This remind me, all hay needs to be cut before quality deteriorates further.

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There will be some using the combination nematicide and insecticide for tobacco this spring - - one that appears to be readily available is Dasanit + Di-Syston. I can't over-caution the need to handle in accordance with the label. Don't get it on you - - use a respirator - - it's potent and can kill.

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Now is the time for owners of livestock to consider some options that are open to them. There is virtually no carry over of hay. The winter of '76-'77 took all the available supply and a great deal was imported. At the end of March there was 48% more wheat on hand, nationally, than a year earlier. The price of wheat as grain at harvest time looks depressing. Why not consider harvesting wheat as silage or hay. You can anticipate a hay yield of at least 3 tons per acre or 9 tons of silage. Wheat harvested as either hay or silage should be done in the soft-dough stage. The feeding value will be slightly less than oats but the yield will be greater. This option opens the way to build hay inventories. With orchardgrass and fescue heading out short, our spring hay crop will probably be no more than two-thirds normal yeild.

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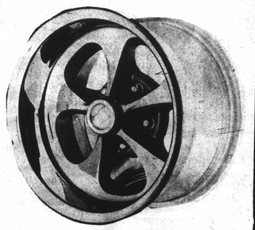
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